

228B Homework 1  
due Thurs, Feb. 1

1. solve  $u_t = u_{xx}$ ,  $u(x,0) = x(1-x)$ ,  $u(0,t) = u(1,t) = 0$   
on the finite interval  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  to time  $T=1$

(a) set  $h=k=1/10 \rightarrow$  show instability

(b)  $h=1/10, k=1/200 \rightarrow$  show stability

(c) try the trick with  $\nu=1/6$

see if you can see a higher order of convergence

i.e. compare convergence rates for  $\nu=1/2$  and  $\nu=1/6$

(you'll have to figure out how to estimate  
the order at which your solution is converging)

2. consider  $u_t = \alpha u_{xx}$ ,  $u(x,0) = g(x)$   
on an unbounded domain. what does  $\nu$  have  
to be for stability?

3. For  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , define  $\|x\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$ ,  $\|x\|_\infty = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |x_i|$

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix. Prove that

$$\|A\|_1 = \max_j \sum_i |A_{ij}| \quad \text{max absolute column sum}$$

$$\|A\|_\infty = \max_i \sum_j |A_{ij}| \quad \text{max absolute row sum}$$